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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice,

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regard to the Microsoft settlement. This settlement will serve in the best interest of the public. Continuing litigation against Microsoft will accomplish nothing but adverse effects on consumers.

Microsoft is a company that has contributed a great deal to technological advance. This company should not be stifled or restricted any further. This settlement will allow Microsoft to continue designing and marketing their innovative software. At the same time, this settlement will benefit companies attempting to compete. Microsoft must share more information with other companies and must give consumers more choices. Microsoft must design future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software. Microsoft has also agreed to provide a license to any third party whose exercise of any options provided for by the settlement would infringe on any Microsoft intellectual property right.

This settlement is strict enough to deal with the issues of this antitrust dispute. Please support this settlement and allow this company to get back to business. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Franklin & Brenda Holland